

# *Every Student Deserves to Succeed —Especially When They're Struggling the Most*

*Our programs and services help kids in school by reducing barriers to learning while supporting their social and emotional well-being.*

## WHY CHOOSE SAFE SCHOOLS MOHAWK VALLEY?

With over 25 years of experience, Safe Schools Mohawk Valley specializes in keeping kids engaged in their education. Our services have proven to deliver a positive impact on student academics, attendance, and behavior because we make our programs fit the need of the student... not the other way around.

We focus on school engagement and assess why the student is disengaged.

Our programs are based on research and evidence-based models, demonstrating strong outcomes to re-engage students back into school.

Our Specialists work with the school, student and family (when possible) to help the student be successful.

## SAFE SCHOOLS' SERVICES TARGET IMPROVEMENT IN SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL STRENGTHS



SELF-ESTEEM



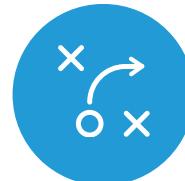
SOCIAL SKILLS



LIFE SKILLS



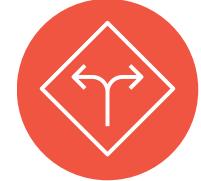
POSITIVE CHOICES



COPING STRATEGIES



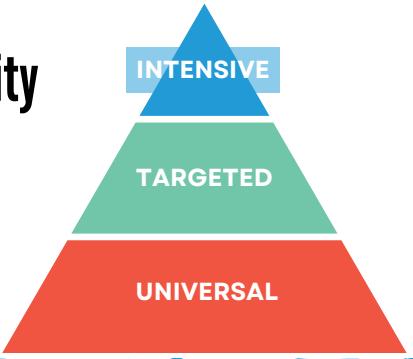
SELF-REGULATION



REDUCTION OF  
NEGATIVE OR  
RISKY BEHAVIOR

# Services are delivered in a tier-based model based on intensity level, need of the student/family, and family involvement.

We use wrap-around services that incorporate student-centered service delivery, trauma informed approaches, restorative practices and strengths-based approaches tailored to meet the complex needs of students and families today.



## TIER 3

### INTENSIVE

Intervention Services

#### Behavior Management

**Student displays negative behavior and/or an inability to make positive choices.**

- Consistently disrupting the classroom
- Behavior does not change with interventions such as time-out/ISS
- Student being aggressive with words or actions

#### Attendance Plan

**Student is significantly tardy, missing/skipping class(es) and/or on track to become chronically absent.**

- Late for school and/or skipping classes 5 or more times
- Student has missed over 3 days since the start of the school year
- History of attendance issues

#### Disengagement

**Student has experienced a life-changing event and/or their attitude toward school and things they enjoy has changed.**

- Recent loss, chronic illness in the family, divorce, new home, etc.
- Student being bullied or isolated
- Students new or returning from placement or suspension

We use the principles of Family Group Conferencing so that the plan we create offers the best chance of student success.

**Student Support Team (the Family Group Conferencing Model).** This is the champion team for the student to succeed. Members can include school staff (including teachers, support staff, and/or administrators), other providers (such as probation or community-based agencies), and family members. We create a plan with the student's needs at the center. Safe Schools will facilitate the meetings and work with the student to achieve their goals.

## TIER 2

### TARGETED

Prevention Services

- Grief and Loss
- Resiliency Skills – focus on SEL and life skills - individual or group
- RESET – Conflict and Aggression Reduction – individual or group
- Conflict Resolution
- Mediations
- Mindfulness and Meditation

## TIER 1

### UNIVERSAL

Supportive Services

- Crisis Intervention / De-escalation (based on the principals of TCI)
- Classroom and lunchroom activities to reinforce Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Ways to support school themes discussed with building leadership
- Classroom support for teachers



# SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION

Safe Schools has a referral form for the school to complete for the referred student. From there, we complete an assessment to determine the appropriate service for the student. We work directly with the student and communicate regularly with the referral source.

- We monitor the student's progress and outcomes each week.
- We include the family in our services for input and progress.
- Services duration typically takes an average of 45-120 days, depending on the level of service intensity and the needs of the student/family. Tier 2 and Tier 3 services average 90-180 days.



## AGENCY STAFF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- TCI – Therapeutic Crisis Intervention
- Grief and Loss skills and techniques
- Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Restorative Practices and Circles
- Trauma Informed Services
- Culturally Responsive Interactions & Implicit Bias
- Working with at-risk youth and families
- De-escalation skills
- Crisis Management
- NYS Mandated Reporter

## WORKING WITH SAFE SCHOOLS MOHAWK VALLEY...

- ✓ Cost-effective
- ✓ BOCES Coser to drive school aid
- ✓ Delivers impactful and impressive outcomes
- ✓ Saves administrator time dealing with challenging students. Refer them to us!
- ✓ Support with county services and referrals
- ✓ Services are catered to the district's needs

### STUDENT OUTCOMES

6 out of 10 students improved their school engagement (attendance, tardies, skipping classes, etc.)

8 out of 10 students improved their school behavior as measured by classroom behavior, ODR, ISS and OSS

More than half (57%) of the students we worked with improved their GPA.